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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (May 24-31, 2009)

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[1](#)1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

[1](#)2. (U) During the May 24-31, 2009, nine security officials were killed in PKK-related violence/operations, including one during clashes in Tunceli Province on May 25, six in a landmine explosion in Hakkari Province on May 27 and one by falling during an operation in Hakkari Province on May 28. Fourteen security officials were injured, including one during clashes in Tunceli Province on May 25, eight in a landmine explosion in Hakkari Province on May 27 and three due to a PKK-detonated IED in Sirnak Province on May 31. The total number of security force casualties for the year through May 31, was 27 killed and 30 injured.

[1](#)3. (U) During the same period, two PKK terrorists were killed in clashes in Mus Province on May 24. One PKKer was captured on May 28 in Van Province. Seven PKKers surrendered, including one in Bingol Province on May 25, five in Sirnak Province on May 27, and one in Hakkari Province on May 28. According to official TGS website figures, through the fourth week of May, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 25, the number of those captured was 24, and the number of those who surrendered was 52.

[1](#)4. (U) During the reporting period no civilian died but one was injured in an explosion attributed to a PKK-detonated IED in Van Province on May 29. Two workers were kidnapped by the PKK in Hakkari Province on May 27. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the fourth week of May was five killed and nine wounded.

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